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SUBJECT: UGANDA SITN REPT NO. 4 AS OF 1100 GMT
FEBRUARY 27, 1977

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FOURTH SITUATION REPORT ON UGANDA
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UPON IT WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT. SITREP
THREE WAS NOT TRANSMITTED BECAUSE IT WAS OVERTAKEN BY
EVENTS.

1. ACCORDING TO A KAMPALA RADIO BROADCAST THE SCHEDULED
MEETING IN UGANDA BETWEEN PRESIDENT IDI AMIN AND THE
AMERICANS LIVING THERE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 2, "VENUE AND TIME REMAIN THE SAME." WE ASSUME

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THIS TO MEAN THAT GATHERING WILL BE HELD AT 0800 AT
ENTEBBE AIRPORT.

2. ACTING ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION ON THE CHANGE
IN DATE, THE NSC STAFF SUGGESTED THAT PREPARATIONS FOR A
CHARTERED COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT TO EVACUATE AMERICANS FROM
UGANDA ON MONDAY BE ENDED. THIS WAS DONE.

3. THE USN TASK FORCE STILL HAS ORDERS TO BE 100 NAUTICAL

MILES OFF THE MOMBASA COAST BY DAWN MONDAY MORNING
(2130 EST SUNDAY NIGHT).

4. THE KAMPALA RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE CHANGE
SAID THAT IT WAS BEING DONE "AT THE REQUEST OF THE
AMERICANS LIVING IN UGANDA"... SOME OF WHOM LIVE 500
MILES AWAY." THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID AMIN "HAD EXPRESSED
GRATITUDE FOR WHAT THE AMERICANS HAVE DONE SO FAR AND
THAT HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO DISCUSSING WITH THEM IN
DETAIL THEIR MEMORANDA WHICH HE HAS SO FAR RECEIVED."
("MEMORANDA" COULD REFER TO STATEMENTS AMIN SEEKING FROM
AMERICANS WHICH WOULD DESCRIBE CALM SITUATION IN COUNTRY.)

5. THE FRG AMBASSADOR, COMMENTING ON THE INITIAL SHIFT
OF THE MEETING TO 0800 HOURS AT ENTEBBE, ADMITTED HE HAD
NO CONVINCING EXPLANATION, BUT MAINTAINED THAT NOTHING
SERIOUS WOULD HAPPEN TO AMERICANS. IN HIS OPINION
SITUATION COULD DETERIORATE IF USG MAKES CRITICAL OR
ACCUSING STATEMENTS OR IF SOME AMERICANS IN UGANDA
WERE TO REACT UNWISELY.

6. FRG AMBASSADOR TO KAMPALA ELLERKMANN REPORTED THAT HE
BELIEVED PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT AMIN
MIGHT BE REGARDED BY THE LATTER AS "TOO SHORT AND
UNFRIENDLY." THEREFORE A SECOND, SOMEWHAT MORE EXPANSIVE
ORAL MESSAGE WAS SENT AT 0430 GMT EXPRESSING APPRECIATION
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FOR AMIN'S ASSURANCES ABOUT THE WELFARE OF AMERICANS IN
UGANDA AND OFFERING TO SEND A COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT TO
PICK UP THOSE AMERICANS WISHING TO LEAVE. AMBASSADOR
ELLERKMANN IS TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE ORALLY TO PRESIDENT
AMIN IN ORDER TO GIVE ELLERKMANN AN OPPORTUNITY TO
DISCUSS THE SITUATION WITH AMIN AND REPORT TO WASHINGTON.
THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE TRANSMITTED THIS ORAL MESSAGE TO
KAMPALA AT 0550 GMT FEBRUARY 27.

7. SECRETARY VANCE HAS DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT IMMEDIATELY
UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S OFFER TO SEND UN OFFICIAL
FARAH WITH MESSAGE TO AMIN. THE SECRETARY DID SAY IT
WOULD BE USEFUL IF WALDHEIM COULD LET IT BE KNOWN THAT
HE WAS FOLLOWING THE SITUATION CLOSELY. UN OFFICIAL
BUFFUM AGREED TO INFORM WALDHEIM.

8. EFFORTS ON FEBRUARY 26 TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE
REMAINING MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS WERE SUCCESSFUL WITH
ALL OF THE CATHOLICS EXCEPT THE WHITE SISTERS, BUT

UNSUCCESSFUL WITH THE PROTESTANTS. THE EFFORTS WILL
CONTINUE, BUT PROBABLY CANNOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL MONDAY.

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